REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Minor editorial changes have been effected to the claims which are self-explanatory.

In addition, claim 14 has been amended to remove the recitations "such as" and "and the like".

In view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 14 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as been overcome.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's indication that claims 13 and 15-19 are allowed.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected method claims 20 and 21 accordingly be rejoined and examined pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 821.04. Rejoinder is appropriate and necessary since claims 20-21 incorporate all of the limitations of allowed claim 17.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that claims 13-21 are now in condition for allowance and such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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